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Mr. T. Brooks Head is calling on subscribers in Franklin County.
Mr. A. G. Fitz is calling on subscribers in Oxford County.
Mr. M. E. Howitt is calling on subscribers in Hancock County.**Sample Copy sent on application.****Try the Maine Farmer for one month.**

Every friend of the farm and forest in New England is devoutly wishing that Massachusetts will keep up her efforts to suppress or at least hold in check the gypsy moth. The attack on the bill will be found to be poor politics.

The state assessors announce that bicycles are fast dropping out of the returns from local assessors as a factor in taxation, but there is no record that the pigs, young stock or farming tools are being neglected or that the farmers are to be relieved.

In the gathering of evidence regarding the destruction of song birds it has been found that one Washington market sold in one month 2,600 robins for food, while the number of bobolinks and even sparrows ran high. Only the most stringent legislature radically enforced can save our birds and our fruit.

The indications are that the Grout bill, in which every farmer and dairyman is interested, will pass the House, but the fight against it will be transferred to the Senate. Have you written your Senators? If not, do so at once. Let them know the voice of the people and they will vote and labor accordingly.

Wichita county, Kansas, presents the curious spectacle of a county without paupers. There is no poor farm, and the only man in the county who ever needs help has been made "supervisor of the poor" at an annual salary of \$104. His official duties consist in taking care of himself, and his salary provides his maintenance.

People in rural sections cannot realize how it is possible that a woman living in the heart of a great city, can die and remain in her home undiscovered for five months, yet this is lately happened in Boston. Well may we thank for the free, social life of the country, even if every one does know what everybody else is doing or saying.

Shall we save the birds? Mr. E. R. Mayo, the well known fruit grower of Manchester declares that the increase of the birds on his place is relieving him from the ravages of the caterpillars. The numbers and varieties have surely multiplied and in watching, Mr. Mayo finds the best outlook with him for fruit is very favorable.

An exchange pays a great, though doubtless unintentional compliment to women, in inferring that they will be more successful as census enumerators on account of their skill in ascertaining the ages of their sex. The editor's opinion of the astuteness of his own sex seems to be poor. But he can rest assured that the fair pencil pushers are equally good judges of a man's age, and dyed whiskers, toupees, and even wigs, will not lead them very far astray.

The riots and massacres by the Boxers in China still continue, and the ominous silence and inaction of the government show that these deeds of violence are at least countenanced, if not approved. The action of the Powers cannot be delayed much longer, if the missionaries and mission property are to be protected. China is taking a long step backward in the march of progress, and seems determined to keep the place she has held so long in the rear of the procession of nations. Like the Boers, she is determined to delay the advance of civilization if possible; but all such attempts must sooner or later result in failure.

If the proposed colonies of Boers materialize in this country, they will have to considerably alter some of their time-honored beliefs. Their rooted conviction that they are the chosen people of God, and all other nations are simply not in, will be somewhat shaken by the time they have bumped up against a few of the nationalities in this cosmopolitan country, and inhaled some of the air of freedom. If any class of people choose to believe that they are specially favored by the Almighty, no one has any objections provided they keep that opinion to themselves; but when it comes to attempting to exterminate their neighbors because their complexion does not happen to be of the same shade, these stalwart palm singers must be suppressed. Oom Paul may be a big man

in his little country, but over here he will need to use the long distance telephone if he means to be generally heard.

More than a year ago the *Farmer* began to urge upon the farmers of Kennebec county that they organize to secure the nomination of a representative agriculturist to the State Senate and it has never ceased its efforts in this direction, save to make the same plea for every county of this good old state. With these facts patent to every reader it points with just pride today to the nomination by acclamation at Augusta Wednesday, of Hon. Rutillus Alden of Winthrop, a life long successful farmer Androscoggin has nominated that loyal patron, Hon. B. M. Fernald, W. Poland, Aroostook promises to send a good associate in the person of Hon. J. W. Dudley and other counties are recognizing as never before that the man on the farm is as well equipped for a legislator as any and the next State Senate of Maine, will have more representatives from the farms, men thoroughly identified with the agricultural interests. If the other parties make their nominations in recognition of the farm the interests will surely be well guarded next winter.

One of the most important measures introduced in Congress in the interest of game and bird protection passed the Senate unanimously on the 18th inst. It had previously passed the House with only 23 negative votes and is known as the Lacey bill, introduced in the House by the Hon. John F. Lacey of Iowa, early in the session. The millinery interests made a desperate fight against the measure, but we have won a glorious victory over them, and the result will soon be seen in a rapid increase of birds and game animals throughout the whole country. No more shipping of bird skins from Florida, Alabama, Louisiana or any other state to New York or elsewhere, labeled anything else than what they really are. No more contracting for 20,000 birds to be slaughtered in Maryland, to be shipped to New York; no more slaughtering of sea gulls on the New England coast or elsewhere, in violation of the laws of any state, and shipping them to millinery bird hogs in New York, no matter how labeled.

The substance of the Littlefield anti-trust law which has passed the House with only one vote in opposition, amends the Sherman law so as to declare either contract or combination in the form of trust or conspiracy in restraint of commerce among the states or with foreign nations illegal, and every party to such contract or combination guilty of a crime punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, and by imprisonment of not less than six months nor more than two years. It provides that any person injured by a violation of the provisions of the law may recover three-fold damages. The definition of "person" and "persons" in the present law is enlarged so as to include the agents, officers or attorneys of corporations. For purposes of commerce it declares illegal all corporations or associations formed for carrying on business for purposes declared illegal by the common law; provides that they may be perpetually enjoined from carrying on interstate commerce and forbids them the use of the United States mails. It provides for the production of persons and papers, confers jurisdiction upon United States circuit and district courts for the trial of causes under it, and authorizes any person, firm, corporation or association to begin and prosecute proceedings under it.

Anarchy and lawlessness seem to have reached their height in St. Louis, and an incident of Sunday last well illustrates the spirit which animates the strikers. A young girl 18 years old, a servant in a St. Louis family, wishing to visit her mother, who lived on the other side of the city, rode in a street car. When she alighted, she was surrounded by a crowd of young men who called her a scab, hissed and hooted at her, snatched her pocketbook, containing all her money. She pleaded for mercy, and told them that she was a poor working girl, but her mouth was closed by a blow, and they began to tear off her clothing until she was perfectly naked, surrounded by a mob of jeering men. The houses nearby were closed against her, and finally she ran down an alley, broke a cellar window, and hid in the dark corner of a cellar. Later, the people of the house clothed her and conducted her to the police station. It is brutal, cowardly, fiendish acts like this that the labor unions hope to gain their cause and win the respect and support of right-minded people! We hardly think that we will be successful. Men capable of such deeds deserve no better fate than to be shot down like wild hyenas, to make room on the earth for decent people. Even the Paris mob in the Reign of Terror could hardly surpass the St. Louis strikers.

THE PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY. The celebration of Memorial Day this year was general in nearly all sections of the country, and was marked by ceremonies even more impressive than usual in some localities. Over the mounds in the cemetery the flags waved and the wreaths of flowers shed their fragrance as in years past; but this year the graves are more numerous, for the Death Angel has been busy in the ranks, and the old soldiers are fast moving on to join their comrades beyond.

It is apparent to the most casual observer that the Grand Army is fast passing away. In the processions on Memorial Day, the number of veterans on foot was noticeably less, some being compelled by increasing years and feeble health to ride in the carriages, while many were altogether missing. Old age is whitening their locks and bowing their forms, and the terrible experiences of the war have left their ineffaceable traces upon their constitutions. Thirty-five years have gone by since the country was rent by that bloody conflict. In half that number of years, the Grand Army will be no more; the old veterans will be all mustered into the army beyond. They have been a striking object lesson in pa-

triotism and loyalty, a lesson which will not soon be forgotten. The Sons of Veterans should strive to keep their memory alive, and a grateful country will never permit its defenders to pass into oblivion.

AN EXPERT FRUIT GROWER.

B. H. Libbey, Newport.

It was with pleasure that we spent a few hours looking over the fruit farm on the hill overlooking Newport village, the lake and surrounding country, and talking with the enthusiastic proprietor, Mr. R. H. Libbey, one of the executive committee of the State Pomological Society. The trees were loaded with blossoms, and the white petals showered down on us, while the fragrance of a beautiful June day was in the air. Never were trees more heavily laden with blossoms than those King, Gravenstein and many of the Baldwins. On them were large quantities of dead caterpillars and also large quantities of live ones, which have hatched since the trees began to blossom, when spraying ceased. Evidently in this locality there must be a battle royal to save the apples.

With the facts before him, Mr. Libbey places no faith in the theory that the cold rain or frosty nights killed the caterpillars. They have come to fight for the leaves.

Mr. Libbey has been growing fruit over 20 years, his plum trees being produced from his own seedlings, and his currants from cuttings. In the future he will mass all his fruits in one field just south of the house. All over the farm the outlook for a large crop is favorable, save for the pests.

"Do you see anything to indicate high prices for apples next winter?" we asked Mr. Libbey.

"No, unless it should be an increase of the tryptena. Local dealers are particular to examining fruit closely before purchasing and refuse it if unsound."

"Gooseberries, currants, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, plums, pears and cherries. I find the market open, but buyers will not long be satisfied with immature fruit rushed in just to get ahead of somebody else. By shipping full-grown, well-matured fruit daily, giving full measure and guarantee of choice quality, I never found any difficulty in selling all I could produce."

"It is claimed that the loss of foliage and crop last year will improve the trees. What think you?"

"I believe that the tree which grows and holds its leaves until time for them to fall in autumn, will be the healthiest and hardiest. The premature dropping of the leaves must sap the energies of the tree."

"What is the best way to promote our pomological interests?"

"Spend the money given by the state in holding meetings in different parts of the state, with practical fruit growers as speakers, men who succeed as many do. We want to know how they do it. Advertise these meetings liberally. Work up a local interest. Offer prizes for exhibits by fruit growers, not fruit showers, extending over single varieties, rather than collections, and confining to the county where the meeting is held, that local exhibits and local interest may be stimulated. In case of canned fruits, jellies, &c., pay no premium save for the product of the last harvest time. Stop this showing the same dish or can year after year."

"What is the value of a fruit exhibit in September?"

"Save for fall fruit, it is an injury. Immature fruit never attracts, and growers are not benefited by showing green, small-sized, half-grown stuff. Better wait until fruit is ripe and then hold as many exhibitions as possible to let the public know what Maine can do. I tell you, we can warm the ears of any eastern state if we put toll together, and pulling together, we can make a reputation which will keep the eye of the buyer on the state of Maine. Our fruit interests are hardly batched yet. Wait until that the chicken begins to crow and we have learned better how to do it. Come up in five years and I will try and show you what can be done on Hillsdale Fruit Farm, the prettiest spot in Maine," and we promised to be there.

"OLD HOME WEEK" ATTRACTIONS.

In view of the actual observance of Old Home Week, soon to dawn upon us, would not a little time and money be profitably spent by way of advertising the manifold attractions of the Old Pine Tree State? Of course, those coming to our borders that formerly resided here in years past, need not be told that Maine is full of health and pleasure resorts and possesses facilities to delight and charm her visitors, unequalled by any other state. But next August will, doubtless, bring hosts of young visitors to our delightful hillsides, our charming lakes, our lovely mountains, our pleasant villages, and not least, our happy, old-fashioned farm homes which have furnished inspiration for song and verse for many decades. Many will visit Maine for the first time in their lives and will carry back to their distant homes pleasant realizations of their former dreams. To see is but to admire.

Concerning Maine's attractive features the half has never been told. Scarcely a town but has some distinctive features for enjoyment. And then, such a wonderful and pleasant diversity of pictorial scenery. If one delights to fish in the tiny gurgling brook beneath the shade of the pine or maple, every town can supply that desire. If one has bigger aspirations for lake beauties they can be found in the greater part of Maine's 1,600 lakes covering 2,300 square miles of her territory. The state has also over 5,000 rivers and small streams where fish abound. Why, Maine's inland water surface covers 32,000 square miles! Isn't that sufficient even for "Oliver Twist?" Is an invalid wasting away for lack of pure air and water? Come to Maine and regain your wonted strength and activity by breathing her balsam-scented air wafted over the sparkling waters of the forest environed lake, and by drinking water from her thou-

sands of clear, healthful springs gushing from every hillside. Is one tired of the noise and bustle of the crowded, heated city? Come to Maine. There are forests and sequestered nooks in nearly every town where one may commune with Nature and Nature's God undisturbed save by the sweet feathered songsters over her head.

Does one hanker for the primitive old farmhouse and the fresh fruits and vegetables in the adjacent garden or the sweet, rich milk and cream that city residents fondly dream of? Come to Maine. Anywhere almost in inland territory can your desires be realized. Does the active business man desire retirement and rest and still be in hourly communication with the home office? Telegraph and telephone wires pass through most villages and even to the lakes and camps in the forest. Transportation lines are abundant. One may breakfast in Boston and catch fish for supper in Northern Maine. Briefly, if desiring to recuperate from the worry and cares of active business or seeking health and pleasure without reaction, come to the success of the publishing houses of the state.

PREPARE TO ANSWER.

The census enumerators are at work and answers must cheerfully be given to each of the following questions, regardless of their significance to the individual.

1.—City.

2.—Street and number of residence.

3.—Name, surname, Christian and middle initial only are required.

4.—Relation to head of family. This refers to the family relationship, father, mother, son, servant, boarder, lodger, etc.

5.—Color or race? The answer desired are white, black, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian.

6.—Sex.

7.—Date of birth. Only the month and birth and year are required.

8.—Age at last birthday. This answer is included in the former, but saves time for the enumerator, and is a check.

9.—Whether single, married, widowed or divorced?

10.—Number of years married to present husband or wife only.

11.—Mother of how many children? Fathers are not requested to answer as regards their paternity.

12.—Number of children living whether at home or elsewhere.

13.—Place of birth. If in the United States, the state or territory. If not, then the foreign country, not city or district where born, and if born abroad, or at sea, of American parentage, that fact is to be specifically recorded.

14.—Place of birth of father. Country desired only.

15.—Place of birth of mother. Ditto.

16.—Year of immigration to the United States.

17.—Number of years in the United States. If born in this country no answer is required.

18.—Naturalization. Are you an alien, naturalized, or have you taken out your first papers?

19.—Occupation or profession. Enumerators have been requested to be very particular in reporting this item to state if a clerk in what kind of a store; if a stenographer, in what kind of business, grain, department or hardware store; if a salesman, whether dry goods, jewelry, or otherwise; teacher, matron or governess, etc., as the case may be.

20.—Months not employed. This applies to the census year only from June 1, 1890 to May 31, 1900.

21.—Number of months attended school during census year. This question applies only to scholars and students.

22.—Can you read? Any language, not necessarily English.

23.—Can you write any language; not necessarily English.

24.—Can you speak English? ■

25.—Is home owned or rented? Only the head of the house is required to answer this question.

26.—If home is owned is it free or mortgaged? If the home you live in is owned by you, answer free or mortgaged as the case may be. Ground rents, if any, should be understood, are considered as mortgaged.

In addition to this the enumerator is required to ascertain whether a death occurred in the house during the last census year, (that ending May 31, 1890) and if so date and month of birth and date of death, cause of death, that is the specific disease that resulted in death, and the name of the attending physician.

This information is required by an amendment to the original census act and the data is being gathered for the benefit of the medical fraternity. The physician's name is required to enable the enumerator to consult him as to the technical designation of the fatal sickness.

Another inquiry is as to whether any person in the family or household is affected with deafness, defective eyesight or loss of speech. More wearing of glasses does not signify defective eyesight, but if the person cannot get about without groping his way, that is classed as blindness. If artificial means are used to assist hearing that is reported as deafness.

The enumerator is strictly prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any statement ascertained in the performance of his duties, but the answers must have.

THE UNIVERSALIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Universalists of Maine have been holding their State Convention at Pittsfield this week, with an unusually large attendance and exercises of a high order.

No denomination in Maine can show a larger percent of gain in church membership, or increase of funds used for missionary purposes during the past ten years, and more than that the permanent investments have steadily increased. The record is one in which may take pride as they urge on the forward movement of the church.

OF COURSE HE FOUND A CUSTOMER.

Mr. Editor: I advertised a pair of calves for sale, in the *Maine Farmer* and found a purchaser the first week the ad was printed. Reply, Oxford County. D. B. FERRY.

The annual commencement exercises of Bowdoin college will occur the last week in June, beginning on Sunday, June 24, with the baccalaureate sermon by the president, Rev. Wm. DeWitt Hyde. The annual address before the medical school, June 25, will be delivered by the Rev. Robert Codman, Jr., Bishop of Maine.

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The giants of the forest must yield at last to the continual blows of the woods. When the human blood has become clogged and impure the little drops of Hood's Sarsaparilla, properly taken, will fell the oak of bad blood.
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NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of the American Chemical Association will be held at its rooms on Water Street, Augusta, Maine, Wednesday evening, for the purpose of electing a treasurer, an auditor, three directors, and for transacting such other business as may legally come up at the meeting.

S. H. LEARY, Secretary,
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AN AMERICAN ASPIRANT

BY
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Stormouth paced the room restlessly for a few moments. Then he turned toward the door curiously as it fell open after 15 minutes' dragging space of time. Judge Delno entered. His lips were sternly compressed and his features, as usual, impenetrable, but Stormouth recognized the signs of a stormy interview in the perpendicular lines between his eyes and his curt "To continue with the business in hand."

He approached Stormouth slowly. His shaggy eyebrows were bent. His massive head was a triflè bowed. "It appears to me," he remarked, "that in spite of ourselves we will be obliged to look upon you as a savior, Stormouth." "It is only what I owe you, sir."

"Tut! Tut! Out with it! Have you declared yourself to my daughter?"

Stormouth drew a little stern about the lips. "Your daughter knows," he said, "that I love her with all my soul; that from the first moment I set eyes upon her face I had but one desire, as far as she was concerned. That desire was to protect, to shield and to deserve her. Unhappily, I have not been able to conceal my utter disgust over this lamentable affair. She construes it, quite unjustly, into an evidence of jealousy. You would hardly do me that injustice could you witness the personality of your illustrious would be son-in-law, with whom she appears so incomprehensibly infatuated."

"Have you told Priscilla that you love her?"

"I have."

"Have you asked her to be your wife?"

"Yes."

"And what was her response?"

"She said she did not know whether she cared for me or not; that at times she thought she did, but at other times she was almost sure she did not; that she would rather sing than marry."

"The average New York woman of today," remarked Judge Delno blandly, "is more or less of an enigma—principally more. It cannot be denied that the wise woman is she who knows what she wants and gets it. Singularly enough, however, what woman gets matrimonially she has been known to discover later to be far from what she wanted. To sum it all up, what have you learned?"

"This," returned Stormouth without a moment's hesitation. "Were the Count de Lacaze what he pretended to be, I should not interfere. I object now,



A man was ushered across the threshold. Not from the standpoint of an unappraised suitor who desires vengeance, but as a man who is desirous that neither you nor any member of your family should be swindled by a mere French adventurer."

"His title—is it a bogus one?"

"No. The title is bona fide as far as it goes. In France it exemplifies a great name disgraced by its inheritors—a name used for illicit extortions—the plot of forthcoming remunerations—briefly, a fine estate eaten up by a swarm of unappraised creditors. The De Lacaze honor has been forfeited. The property is confiscated, and any former magnificence is a truth 40 years in the past—a past which appears to be the strongest part of the present count's make up. Further, I have positive proof that you are to be villy deceived. There is a man in the hall who will confirm my statements. Have I your permission to ring for him to be sent in?"

"By all means," Judge Delno acquiesced.

In a few seconds a man was ushered across the threshold. He looked like a private watchman in citizen's clothes.

"You are prepared," began Stormouth concisely, his strong, handsome hand nervously playing with a paper cutter which lay on the table beside him, "to confirm all you said to me yesterday?"

"I am, sir." The voice was unexpectedly clear in its enunciation. It's owner's countenance was full of character, but permeated with unusual bitterness. The brow was fine and broad. The features were heavy and morose. His expression was somewhat defiant. He had a shock of auburn hair, and a thick, crisp auburn beard. He was about 40 years of age and seemed like a countryman in spite of his palpable familiarity with city methods.

"My friend Judge Delno," said Stormouth slowly, indicating the judge with the paper cutter and speaking clearly, as though desirous of impressing the messenger with the importance of strict honesty in his forthcoming statement, "is deeply interested in the matter concerning which you and I conversed so exhaustively last night."

The messenger from Brown's agency nodded comprehendingly.

"I have here," he began, after a low interchange of words with Stormouth, "a letter from a man who signs himself Desmoulin of the Eclair—supposed to be a French daily."

Judge Delno nodded silently. Then he asked:

"What is your excuse for turning state's evidence?" The question blazed forth unexpectedly like a streak of lightning which carries the promise of blackest thunder at its back.

The messenger finished hotly. "If your honor will permit," he said, quiet-

ly, his eyes gleaming ominously, "I will not answer that question until we have dismissed the subject under fire."

Judge Delno was guilty of an unpremeditated look of surprise. He welcomed courage in any form whatsoever, even when sometimes it was brought to bear upon him to his own discomfiture.

"Continue."

I have here instructions from the aforesaid Desmoulin which read as follows."

The messenger stepped forward to lay an envelope within Judge Delno's hands.

But the judge checked him precipitately. "Read it," said he.

The messenger stepped back, drew forward the contents of the envelope and cleared his throat.

"I came into possession of this paper," he explained, "through an odd circumstance—fortunately for you, sir," turning to Stormouth. "A man was run over day before yesterday on Broadway. When we picked him up, he was still breathing, but he died an hour after he reached the hospital. He has since been identified as a porter at the Brevoort House. His papers were handed to me by the coroner. I promised to forward his interests in reference to getting word of him back to his friends in France. Two years ago I ran up against this man in Battery Park. He was a greenhorn, just landed; he did not speak a word of English. I put him in the way of getting some work. Singular enough that I should be on hand to witness his death. Among his other papers I found the inclosed, which I took the liberty of confiscating. The business is treated of seemed to be something in my line." Then, turning toward Judge Delno, "The morning after," he continued, "Mr. Stormouth called at my office and put some questions to me. But I will read you the contents of the letter."

De Précie's Pellets cleanse the skin.

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"That will do," interrupted Judge Delno. "And your answer to this nefarious plot?"

"Wait a moment," broke in Stormouth's voice. "I wish you to understand first how I came into the knowledge that this transaction existed. There is a waiter at Durand's restaurant in Paris who flourishes under the sobriquet of 'The Rat.' He is like quicksilver in his movements and is in perpetual demand because of his talent for amassing all the news, social, political and so forth, in a nutshell and rehashing it to his clients in an undertone as he administers to their wants. He has the eye of the proverbial hawk, a tongue which is polished like the sharpest razor, and a wit which is famous. I have fed him heavily for a long time, both because I found him unique, and unique amusement cannot be too highly remunerated, and also because it appeared to me he might be rendered valuable ultimately in some unsuspected manner. Whether or no he held a grudge against Desmoulin for a skit as clever as unwise, which recently appeared in the columns of the Eclair against 'The Rat,' warning all stay at home Parisians against him as a spy of the most dangerous caliber, I cannot tell. The fact remains. He set before me, with admirable condensation, the plot which Doxie there—indicating the messenger—"holds as documentary evidence against the opposition party. He denounced Desmoulin as an adventurer and De Lacaze as the type of titled libertine who is robbing us of our record of common sense while at the same time filling France's mints at America's expense. I looked up Desmoulin. You know my tendency to battle with fraud whether it concerns me personally or otherwise. I discovered that the Desmoulin of the Eclair and the Desmoulin of the Pension Picard were one and the same, that De Lacaze was the nobleman in question, and that your daughter was the young woman in particular. I took the next steamer for home. I called at Brown's agency. Doxie will tell you the rest."

Doxie hesitated. A dark purple flush rose slowly and covered his strong, sunburned face. He lifted his right hand for a moment and drew it awkwardly across his lips. "I remembered," he said finally, nervously turning his cap about in his fingers, "when I read the name of Miss Priscilla Delno, a girl I knew once, some seven or eight years ago, when I got back from college and went to farming on the old place. Her father's house stood next to ours. We were neighbors. She used to come and lean over the bars of the fence which separated one of our meadows from her father's and chat with me as I drove my horse to the plow. Then she went off to school. At that school she wrote me that she met a girl with whom she struck up a great friendship. The name of her friend was Delno. I wondered whether it could be the same. On the strength of that doubt I desisted."

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Grange Gatherings.

JUNO 8-Knox Pomona, No. Warren.
June 14-York Pomona, York.
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Alewife grange, No. 285, has changed
the night of its regular meeting from
Friday to Thursday evening.

Excalibur Pomona grange No. 4 P. of
H. holds the regular meeting with New
Sharon grange, Thursday, June 14th, at
10 o'clock A. M.

State Deputy Holway has been visiting
Waldo county and last week organized
Sand Stream grange with 20 charter
members receiving 10 applications the
same evening. There is evidence of a
new interest in Waldo county.

Turkey grange, at its last meeting, re-
ceived eight new members into full fel-
lowship and enjoyed a harvest feast. At
the next meeting, June 16, a lecture will
be given before the grange by the Rev.
Mr. Knickerbocker of Auburn.

The influence of the live patrons of
Kennebec county has secured the nomi-
nation for Senator of one of the best
farmers and active patrons, Hon. Rutillus
Alden, Winthrop, and if other coun-
ties and parties do as well the next legis-
lature will have a strong grange repre-
sentation.

Miss C. B. Sampson, one of the class
taking the 6th degree at last session of
state Grange in Augusta has not received
her 6th degree diploma. If she will send
me her post-office address, the same will
be forwarded to her at once.

E. H. LIBBY, Sec. M. S. Grange.

State Deputy G. M. Twitchell is to be
present at an all-day session with Baska-
hegan grange, Carrabassett, Saturday, June
16. The morning session will be closed
and afternoon public. Saturday evening he
expects to meet with the newly re-
organized grange at Lincoln, and on
Thursday evening the 14th, it is ex-
pected he will meet with Escutarsis
grange, East Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Keene of West
Poland celebrated the 25th anniversary
of their marriage at Lake Grange Hall
on the evening of May 15. About 100
of their friends gathered to do honor to
the occasion, and a pleasant entertain-
ment of music and recitations was en-
joyed by all. Many beautiful presents
testified to the esteem in which this
worthy couple are held by their friends
and neighbors.

Programme Kennebec Pomona, Sidney,
June 13: A. M. session, business, 5th
degree; P. M. session, lecture, "Lessons
from Plant Life," Bro. W. J. Thompson;
paper, "Objective Points for the Patron,"
Sister Annie E. Gray; discussion, "Waste
in Public Expenditures," opened by Bro.
Hastings of Sidney, (Government Appor-
priations); Sister Kennedy of Benton,
(School Expenditures); music and recita-
tions by Sidney patrons.

The sympathy of every patron will go
out to our worthy and respected brother,
W. J. Thompson, So. China, who, on
Sunday, was called to the greatest sacrifice
a man can make, the surrender of a
beloved helpmeet and companion, a
loving wife. Stricken with the dread
disease diphtheria, she lived but a few
days. A sweet spirit has gone home and
a devoted husband is left desolate. Why
these things are so no one can explain,
but those who knew, loved and respected
Sister Thompson may well gather in
tender sympathy about him who is today
crushed under the heavy blow.

Somerset Pomona will hold its regular
meeting with Bingham grange, June 12th.
10 A. M., opening exercises; music;
welcome greeting by T. F. Houghton;
responses by Mrs. Fannie G. Clark;
music; topic, "Was there ever a time
when rural life can be made as profitable
and pleasant as now?" paper by Edgar
Molloy of North Anson; discussion by
the grange; reading by Norris Bragg;
music; "What are some of the greatest
movements in the world that interest
farmers?" to be answered by Rev. Bro.
Scott, Bingham; a paper by Mrs. Carrie
L. Hilton upon some household topic
selected by herself.

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